Castes, Minorities and Scheduled Tribes, respectively. State Governments have been provided funds for implementation of various welfare schemes during the last five years. Statement showing details of funds released under each scheme is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 197, Annexure No 3.]

Posts for disabled persons in Government

120. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified certain posts for disabled persons in Government and Semi- Government Organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to fill up these identified posts by disabled persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) An Expert Committee constituted by the Government has reviewed the identification of posts done in 1986 and a revised list over 1900 posts in the establishments of Government of India and Public Sector Undertakings have been notified as suitable for persons with different disabilities in June 2001.

(c) Special drives for filling up the vacancies reserved for persons with disabilities are undertaken by the recruitment agencies from time to time. Besides, all the Ministries/Departments have been requested to furnish a certificate to the recruiting agencies that the policy relating to 3% reservation for person with disabilities has been taken care of.

Assistance for tribal development to Assam

121. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any financial assistance to Assam for tribal development during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and